

REMARKS

Claims 1-21 have been examined, and claims 1-3, 7-9, 11-13, 18, and 21 are currently rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Soto et al. (U.S. Pub. No. 2003/0081240). Claims 1, 2, 5 and 21 have been amended. Claim 4 has been canceled.

Allowable Subject Matter

1. The Examiner objects to claims 4, 5, 6, 10, 14-17, 19 and 20 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but indicates that these claims would be allowed if rewritten in independent form. To expedite prosecution, Applicant has incorporated subject matter from claim 4 into the independent claims to obtain allowance of this application.

Interview with Examiner

2. Applicant thanks the Examiner for the courtesy extended to his representative during the telephone interview on October 3, 2005. This Amendment incorporates that discussed during the interview and, therefore, no further comment is believed necessary.

§102(b) rejection

3. To be an “anticipation” rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102, the reference must teach every element and limitation of the Applicants’ claims. Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102 are proper only when the claimed subject matter is identically disclosed or described in the prior art. Thus the reference must clearly and unequivocally disclose every element and limitation of the claimed invention.

Applicant submits that claim 1 is not anticipated by Soto. Claim 1 recites the use of a reception unit for receiving print data, and that said reception unit is a logic channel that has been set logically. As acknowledged by the Examiner in the Office Action, Soto fails to teach that the reception unit is a logic channel set logically. As such, Soto fails to anticipate claim 1, and claim 1 is patentable.

Claims 2, 3, 7-9, 11-13, and 18 are patentable at least by virtue of their dependency from claim 1.

Claim 21 is patentable for reasons similar to those set forth in the preceding paragraphs.

Conclusions

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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